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**Cal Poly Liberal Studies Program Awarded Grant To Create
Theatrical Production on Energy**

The California Arts Council and the state Consumer Services Agency recently awarded Cal Poly's Liberal Studies Program a \$6,000 grant to work with the Atascadero Fine Arts Academy in writing and producing a 30-minute theatrical production.

The production, titled "Power Down!," will address energy production, conservation and efficiency.

The project is a collaboration of local professional musicians and dancers and students from the Atascadero Unified School District. It is anticipated that the script will be available to other school districts throughout the state in 2003.

The "Power Down!" project, led by Alan Pietsch, a teacher at the Atascadero Fine Arts Academy, will tour local elementary schools this spring.

Cal Poly's involvement stems from its California Arts Council Demonstration Project, led by Liberal Studies faculty members Susan Duffy and Kathleen Friend. The three-year demonstration project is increasing arts education in third-grade classrooms in the Lucia Mar School District through instruction by arts specialists and performances.

The Liberal Studies Program will oversee the "Power Down!" project. For more information, call Duffy or Friend at 756-2935.

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